

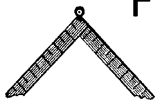


Kendall Masonic Lodge No. 897 A.F. & A.M.
897 East Blanco Road • Boerne, Texas 78006



September 2016

From the East



Greeting Brethren,

It is with pleasure that I report to the Brethern that the budget submitted by our Treasurer Bro. Kestler was approved by the lodge. Thanks you Bro. Kestler for all the time and energy you expend in our behalf.

We have two upcoming Entered Apprentice degrees in the near future. Brothers if it has been a while since you participated in a degree and you would like to hone your skills or if you would like to learn the work, we practice on Monday evenings 6:30; Wednesday and Saturday Mornings at 9 AM.

Several members of the lodge will be making the annual pilgrimage to Rockport , October 7th — 9th. As in the past we will be staying at Drifters RV Resort in Rockport. Make reservations early as this is the Sea Fair weekend. We will be indulging in the three F's (fishing, food and fun) and once again we will put Bro. Bruton's culinary skill to the test on Sunday Morning. A fishing guide has been engaged. Join us on this weekend of fun.



A note Robert Easterling PM:

KENDALL MASONIC LODGE VETERANS

Kendall Lodge will start honoring its veterans during the month of October through Veterans Day in November.

We plan on posting daily photos and military overview of lodge veterans on the Kendall Masonic Lodge 897 Facebook page. I ask all veterans to provide me with a photo in uniform, dates of service, branch of service, type service (ie tanker, infantry, seaman, etc.) and rank attained. The photo does not have to be in dress uniform, it can be of you in fatigues, pt uniform, or other type military dress.

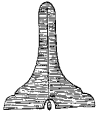
Please provide the information requested to email: kendall897@gvtc or Scout7@gvtc.com.

Free Texas vehicle license plates & lifetime registration for members who have received certain decorations Texas legislators recently passed a bill that expanded acceptable military medals which allow registration fees to be waived.

A military member who has received one of the medals listed on the attached application form will be provided a free set of license plates and vehicle registration fees will be waived as long as the military member registers that vehicle in the state of Texas.

One medal can only be used to waive registration for one vehicle. For instance, a military member with multiple MSMs can only register one vehicle using the MSM medal. However, a person who has earned two different types of medals listed can register two vehicles in this program, and three different medals equal free registration for three vehicles, etc... Keep in mind that these license plates depict a military medal, which does identify them as either a present or former military member.

Additional info & application form at:
<http://elpasomooa.org/content.asp?contentid=75>



FROM THE WEST



From the West

Dow Mathis, S.W.

The following is attributed to The Grand Lodge of Texas. However, I haven't been able to discover where or when it was published originally, nor do I know the original author. I have it from themasonictrowel.com.

The Square

"Acting upon the square" is a familiar metaphor for fair and honest dealings with others. The square has carried that meaning for many generations as evidenced by writings traced to ancient China. In the Great Learning, it is stated that abstaining from doing unto others what one would not have them do to him "is called the principle of acting on the square." We might recognize the positive form of this saying as the Golden Rule, "do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

The Square is prominent throughout the rituals and ceremonies of Freemasonry and is one of the first symbols introduced and explained to the Freemason. During the initiation ceremony, the new Freemason is told the Square should remind him to conduct his life upon the square, indicating moral and ethical behavior. During the Lecture, the Square is described as part of the Furniture of the Lodge dedicated to the Master, as it is the Masonic emblem of his office. It is also one of the six Jewels of the Lodge, teaching morality. The Square is also identified as one of the Working Tools of the Fellowcraft Mason, where it admonishes the Freemason to square his "actions by the Square of Virtue."

The Square, as used in Freemasonry, is an instrument with two legs that intersect at a right angle. Though there is debate regarding the exact instrument envisioned in the early rituals, there is no doubt that the square was used to measure the accuracy of angles, to ensure that they were indeed right angles. As such, it is natural for the Square to be an emblem of accuracy, integrity, and rightness. As building materials are cut to fit the building in the proper dimensions, we must also build our character, which must be tested by a moral and ethical standard represented by the Square.

From early times, the square has represented right and honesty. For Freemasons, the Square represents morality, of the ethical and right conduct that must form the basis for our every action and as the foundation of society. In an early exposure of the Masonic ritual, the question is asked, "How many make a Lodge?" The response is specific, "God and the Square." Together, God provides instruction to man to develop his moral and spiritual character, while the Square reminds us as Freemasons that we must constantly test our behavior by the Square of Virtue.

It is also important to note that we must keep God and the Square together. While the Square is an emblem of the virtuous moral, ethical, and spiritual conduct required of all Freemasons, it is our faith in God that provides the basis for that behavior. If society is not careful and loses its faith in God, then its foundation for moral and ethical conduct drifts from that decreed by God. When this occurs, men come to think that morality is of human invention and the moral law loses its meaning and power. It leads to a society without standards, which will become unstable and eventually fall.

How simple is the Square, revealing the oldest wisdom of man and the very genius of Freemasonry. As evidenced by our usage, the Square rules the Freemason as well as the Lodge in which he labors. The candidate enters a rectangular Lodge and walks a circuit with squared steps. He is brought to light to observe the Square upon the Altar and observes the Master wearing the Square, as the emblem of his office. Freemasonry is not just a ritual. It is a way of life, a way of living. It provides moral and ethical instruction based upon a faith in God that allows us as Freemasons to build our moral and spiritual character. Each of us has our own Square within us, our conscience, which we must use to test our every thought, action, and word to determine if it is true by the Square of Virtue.

The Square is a symbol of the moral law upon which human life must rest if it is to stand. Without the moral law as our guide, we flounder and fall in this world. If the Freemason does not build his ethical and spiritual character upon the moral law and live in obedience to the laws of God, our lives are incomplete and doomed to failure. David in Psalm 15:1 writes, "Lord, who shall abide in your Tabernacle? He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth..." It is our obligation as Freemasons to "square our actions by the Square of Virtue" in all our dealings with our fellowman. If we "act by the Square," our moral and ethical character will be above reproach and we will have a stable and content life.



From the South



From the South,

It is common knowledge within our craft that Masonry is a system of morals wrapped in allegory, but how masonry approaches our moral outlook is not often considered. There are many theories out there concerning the best way to approach or achieve a moral outlook; to name a few, there is the consequentialist theory, the no consequentialist theory, and finally the virtue theory. Masonry's approach to achieve our system of morals stems from the virtue theory, that is morality that makes virtue the central concern.

The most notable virtue theorist was Aristotle who said "the moral life consists not in following moral rules that stipulate right actions but in striving to be a particular kind of person, a virtuous person whose actions stem naturally from virtuous character". If we apply this statement to the beginning of our journey within Masonry, where we first build a strong foundation from which to become better men, we can easily see the virtuous system in place. As an Entered Apprentice we learn the four cardinal virtues, which can be found in the monitor, and are Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence, and Justice.

A man learns to use restraint on his passions or desires with the virtue of temperance, which is finding that middle ground between the two extremes of overindulgence and under indulgence. From temperance comes humility, modesty, and gentleness. The virtue of Fortitude gives us "that noble and steady purpose of mind", it's finding the middle ground between timidity cowardliness and unjustified aggressiveness. From fortitude comes patience, endurance and perseverance. Next is prudence, the virtue that teaches us to regulate or lives and actions by the dictate of reason and logic. Within prudence we learn to

be cautious, or to think twice before we act. Finally, the cardinal virtue of justice, while it is last on the list it is certainly one of the most important, in fact the ancients considered it to be the most complete of the virtues. Justice is the virtue in which we learn to give to others what is due without distinction; it teaches us to be truthful and obedient.

All of these virtues teach us to find the middle ground between two extremes. Now what do we do with these virtues, how do we apply them to strengthen our base upon which we will build everything else? Building a virtuous character takes time, dedication and discipline; it's developed one application of such virtue at a time which will eventually lead to the development of the ultimate virtue of wisdom.

The more one practices such virtues the easier they become over time. If we do not learn the application and practice of these virtues, they instead become vices over time. It boils down to one simple thing: we develop virtue through our Will, or power of choice, we can either be virtuous moral men or we can succumb to our vices. The practice of virtue is the practice of our moral system.

Next month on the menu for our Stated meeting we will be enjoying lasagna with garlic toast and salad, all prepared by our faithful Stewards.

Lastly brethren I would like to remind everyone that we will be having our monthly philosophical round table at Hillbillyz of Texas on August 22nd starting at 6:30pm. Please join us for dinner, drinks and good conversation.

Fraternally,
Matthew Archilla
Junior Warden



<i>September Birthdays</i>	
Brother	Date
Scott L. William	9/2
Daniel E. Gudas	9/3
James H. Alston	9/3
Koyle D. Knappe	9/4
Thomas E. Carnes	9/5
Roger D. Duncan	9/7
Lee J. Raspberry	9/7
Gary L. Bausell	9/7
Joseph A. Carrola Sr.	9/8
Gordon S. Waldeck	9/9
Albert S. Rosenberg	9/9
Cary L. Clark	9/12
Michael R. Arthur	9/12
Robert P. Rush	9/12
Michael G. Ethridge	9/16
Ronald G. Trine	9/16
William R. Lemmons Jr.	9/17
Curt G. Campbell	9/23
Charles A. Richter	9/24
Richard Leeder Jr.	9/27
John W. Uecker	9/29
Jack L. Greenfield	9/30

<i>September Service Anniversary</i>	
Brother	Years MM
Richard Leeder Jr.	57
Stanley D. Young	55
Charles M. Straayer	54
Jack E. Cameron	52
Henry E. Martin	48
Donald D. Sharp	43
Josue' M. Martinez	41
Alvis R. Mathison	35
Jonathan B. Cluck	32
Jimmie C. Adam	30
Antonio Hidalgo	30
Terry J. Reagan	18
Steven L. Dearing	17
Gilbert W. Alexander	11
Thomas L. Cottle	10
Robert M. Tucker	9
Garrett M. Ethridge	9
Michael G. Ethridge	9
Jerry D. Walker	9

<i>Building Preservation July Donations</i>	
<u>Donor</u>	<u>In Memory/Honor of</u>
Billy Lemmons Jr.	Bro. Billy Lemmons Sr.
Abb Kestler	Bro. Dan Mason
Bob Easterling	Bro Jack Easterling

**Kendall Masonic Lodge No.
897 Death
Roger Towns**



Almighty Father! Into Thy hands we commend the soul of our beloved Brother.



SECRETARY'S CORNER



Brethren... This month we're putting on an E.A. degree for a new candidate. We also balloted on another candidate in August's Stated Meeting and will soon be performing a Graded Entered Apprentice Degree for him. In addition Kendall Lodge has been requested to perform a Master Mason's degree at Camp Alzafar during Alzafar's Masonic Picnic on October 15th. **This is what we do. We're in the business of making and instructing new Masons so come and give us a hand.**



We are also welcoming Brother Paul Holekamp back to Kendall Lodge. He hasn't been here in quite a while and it's good to have him back home.

On a sad note we lost another Brother this past month, Brother Roger Towns passed away on Monday, August 15th. His memorial service was held on Saturday, August 20th at Vaughan's Funeral Home. Please keep his Wife and family in your thoughts and prayers. Brother Towns had over 46 Years of Masonic Service. I was Worshipful Master when Brother Towns affiliated with Kendall Lodge and he told me that he had a son-in-law who was interested in Masonry and would petition soon. Brother Jim Hardin petitioned the lodge early the next year and became a Master Mason by the end of 2010.

NOW... Here are a few things to put on your calendar for September:



On **Monday, September 12th**, we will be **initiating a new Brother into Freemasonry**. If you would like to be here for that, then come to the lodge around 6:30 P.M. We will also be scheduling another candidate for the degrees for a **Graded Entered Apprentice Degree later in September or early October**. Come and join us.



Monday, September 19th, will be our **September Stated Meeting** with Dinner starting at 6:30 PM, Food and Fellowship last until 7:20 PM or so, and our Stated Meeting starts at 7:30 PM. Some of our wives stay in the Banquet Room during the meeting so bring your wife and/or other family members and come to the dinner and meeting.



This month's Stated Meeting will also be the **second Official Visit of R.W.: Jim Avery Jr.** who will be received as the Grand Master's personal representative and will bring us a message from M.:W.: Grand Master Wendell P. Miller.



Also folks get your appetites ready because **Saturday, October 1st will be our Sausage & Bar-be-que Brisket fundraiser**. We'll be serving from 11:30 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. or when the foods gone! As usual this includes all of the sides, ice tea or coffee, and dessert. Tickets will mailed out soon and are again just be \$10.00. So plan on coming.

In other Fraternal Bodies:



The 51st Masonic District's M. C. Holman Masters, Wardens, and Secretaries Association will meet in Bandera on September 28th with a light dinner at 6:30 PM and the Stated Meeting at 7:00 PM. All Masons and guests are welcome to attend.



The Order of the Eastern Star will hold Grand Chapter in Tyler from September 1st – 3rd. Please wish Worthy Matron and Patron Debbie and Bob Tucker a great Grand Chapter.

Brethren... We had great attendance at our August Dinner; as well as, at the Stated Meeting. If you are at home and trying to figure out what to cook, then come to our Stated Meeting dinners and sessions on the third Mondays. We eat at 6:30 PM and meet at 7:30 PM. We have great family-time fellowship with wives and children. We want to see YOU!

Don't say that there is nothing going on at the lodge for you. We always have something going on that you can be a part of.

Gary L. Bausell

Secretary
September 2016

Kendall Masonic Lodge No. 897

BBQ Sausage & Brisket Dinner



Great BBQ!

Saturday, October 1, 2016

11:30 am — 2:00 pm

897 E. Blanco Rd, Boerne, Texas
(Next to the Post Office)

Donation: \$10 (Includes Tea & Dessert)